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girls, who wishes for a son. Here a friend of the poet is meant. *Má ǧi, for má ǧwa'* or *má ǧwi*, means "what is in my heart." 6. *'Adîl* is fat or flesh; *'adla'* is a fleshy, fat she-camel. *'Arabna mu'addelin abê'erhom 'âǧifet aš-šaḥm* means "our Arabs are satisfied because their camels are covered with fat." *'Adal* has the same meaning as *simen*, fat; hence *'adla'* is synonymous with *semine*. *Smân abê'erhom* means "their camels are fat." *Kâbûn serǧi* is a very soft cover for a horse saddle. Love has deprived him of both his fat and soft flesh to such an extent that his saddle galls him as if the thick, soft cover were not there. 7. *Derǧe* (pl., *deruǧ*) is a piece of cloth cut for one person. 8. Ḳaṣr al-Ḥafâǧi is the name given by the Rwala to Ḳaṣr eben Aḥejẓer or al Aḥejẓer, southwest of Kerbela. The better the mortar, the stronger the building. The Rwala admire the firmness with which the mortar has cemented the stones and bricks used in building the al-Ḥafâǧi castle, making it impossible to demolish it. 9. The brother of the girl Der' was often publicly insulted with the taunt "*'Aǧrûb*, shame," but the poet defends him. The troop led by him does not limp but merely rides slowly in order to protect its comrades fleeing in fear. 10. *Jowm al-ḥara'* is the day set apart by the Rwala for visiting, entertaining, and bringing small gifts to each other.

Meetings, Greetings, Good Wishes

Fâṭeri rawweḥi 'an ḥamw ḳejẓaha
'aššeti ṣâlije má-ḥmal ṛejẓaha.

Hurry, my old she-camel, for a night's lodging from the heat of the mid-summer,
My beloved is dear to me, I could not bear her anger.

The warrior returning from a raid in the *ḳejẓ* season, mid-summer, longs for his sweetheart and urges his tired animal to greater speed.

Ẓel' ǧubba ṭaleḥ The rugged hill at Ǧubba begins to appear
miṯl râs aṭ-ṭaḥât Like the border of a dark cloud!
marḥaba já nwa' Hail, O Nwa',
já 'anûd al-banât. O thou wilful maiden!

The settlement of Ǧubba lies in the Nefûd, lat. 28° 2′ N., long. 40° 40′ E. Close by rises a tall, dark, rugged hill, visible